



## KANSAS WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS DAY



Tree damage eastcentral Kansas,  
January 31, 2002  
Photo courtesy KEM

Last January the worst ice storm in modern Kansas history crippled eastern and southern parts of our state. Many trees, power lines and even some buildings snapped from the tremendous weight of ice. An estimated 300,000 customers lost power with electrical service not returning in some areas for weeks. Damage and other losses were put at around \$130 million.

Although it is unlikely another winter storm of this magnitude will affect Kansas soon, we must be prepared, informed and ready. As such, the National Weather Service, Topeka, in cooperation with the Kansas Emergency Management Agency (KEM) and County Emergency Managers, will observe **Winter Weather Awareness Day on Thursday, November 14**. The day is set aside annually to prepare for the cold and snowy season, and to review winter weather information and safety rules.

What winter weather **preparations are being made in your local area**, and what are the appropriate steps to take that will ensure your winter weather safety?

Enclosed is a variety of winter weather related information from the National Weather Service that can be used in articles, newscasts, presentations and features. **We encourage you to copy and distribute the material, as necessary**. All the information is also available on our NWS Topeka Internet home page at: **[www.crh.noaa.gov/top](http://www.crh.noaa.gov/top)**

**Thank you in advance for your assistance in promoting winter weather awareness and safety. If you have any questions, comments or to request a personal interview, contact us at our media unlisted telephone number of 785-232-0814.**

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